

## END IN SIGHT FOR UNLIMITED DEBATE IN U. S. SENATE NOW

**Sensors, Dazed by 54-Hour  
Session, Awake to Need of  
Gag Rule to Expedite Legis-  
lation.**

**Remaking of Rules on Modern  
Lines Expected to Do Away  
With Ancient Tradition of  
Blooming Vote.**

By JUDSON C. WELLIVER.

The tradition of unlimited debate in the Senate is in sight of its end. Worn out physically, exhausted in nerves, disgusted in mind, and impressed by the pitiful utility of trying to do business under rules that seem to have been devised for the particular purpose of preventing business, Senators came out of the daze at the end of the fifty-four-hour session on the shipping bill, determined as they never have been before to create some rule that shall make it possible to force an issue on legislation, and to prune away the ancient privilege of the high-speed talkers to prevent action.

A perfect flood of resolutions looking to modification of the rule on this point has been poured into the Senate hopper, or is being dammed up in the studies of Senators by the process of preparation. It is confidently predicted that if there is an extra session, perhaps if there is none, this question of remaking the rules on modern lines will very soon be forced to a vote.

**What a Filibuster Is.**  
In order to understand what the rule-doctors are trying to accomplish, it is necessary to know just what a filibuster is, what makes it possible, and what it can accomplish.

First, there is no "previous question" in the Senate. The previous question is the almost universally established device of parliamentary procedure to shut off useless debate and bring a vote. If the Senate permitted, under its rules, a member might rise and say:

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## ANOTHER PLEDGES \$1,000 FOR SUNDAY

Another pledge of \$1,000 for the Billy Sunday guarantee fund was offered the Sunday committee today by a prominent Presbyterian layman, who asked that his name be withheld.

William Knowles Cooper and the Rev. Dr. Clarence Vincent will go to Philadelphia on Tuesday to confer with Mr. Sunday and with his manager as to the exact requirements for extending a formal call. These gentlemen then will report to the committee of ten, which will proceed to organize the larger committee, on which all denominations of the city are to be represented, and this large committee will, in turn, appoint all necessary subcommittees and effect a permanent organization for the proposed campaign.

Dr. Vincent and Mr. Cooper will ask Mr. Sunday about a possible date that this date will be next fall, for the evangelist has expressed a desire to come to Washington at the same time, as far as possible, as his Baltimore campaign. He is booked for Baltimore next January.

## Three Nations Pledged To Suppress Opium Trade

THE HAGUE, Feb. 12.—China, the United States and the Netherlands are pledged to the suppression of the opium trade and to the abolition of international traffic in habit-forming drugs. The agreement, formulated at the International Opium Conference, held here last year, was today signed on behalf of the United States by Dr. Henry Van Dyke, Tang Tain-Four, for the Chinese Republic, and Foreign Minister Loucheur, for the Netherlands.

In discussing the signing of the convention, which, because of the war, will not be entered into by the other nations affiliated with the conference, Dr. Van Dyke declared that it would "save millions of lives."

Florida via Atlantic Coast Line.

## President Refuses Every Compromise

**Chief Executive Is Set Upon Re-  
ceiving Action on Present  
Shipping Bill.**

Despite the efforts being made by Democratic leaders in the House to persuade President Wilson to accept an amendment to the Gore ship purchase bill, officials close to the President say that he has definitely and finally decided to compromise no further.

Regarding the Gore bill as the ultimate compromise which he can make to the progressive Republicans, the President is evidently determined to make no move to bring back the seven re-consideration bills in the Senate. It is stated that the President is to amend the Gore bill by the insertion of a provision requiring the Government to abandon the shipbuilding enterprise in two years, suggested by House leaders as a "stopgap" measure to keep the bill alive, but the President seems willing, even at the risk of an extra session, to be permanently at odds with the opponents in his own party ranks.

## ATTEMPT TO FORCE SHIP BILL THROUGH

**Administration Leaders Try to  
Pass Motion Calling For  
Vote on February 9.**

A determined attempt to force through the ship purchase bill was made by Administration leaders in the Senate a little before 2 o'clock this afternoon. Senator Reed of Missouri moved to amend his resolution providing for a vote on the resolution with such amendments that the Republican leaders were all but caught napping.

Senator Reed quickly moved to refer the Reed resolution to the Rules Committee. He and Senator Smoot protested that under the rules it should go to the Rules Committee. Senator Reed moved to table the Gallinger motion to refer. A roll call followed. It was taken in almost of little excitement and suspense.

Senator Reed's motion to table was defeated 46 to 45. Senator Kenyon voted against tabling and Senators Norris and La Follette voted for tabling.

A sharp parliamentary battle followed in which various maneuvers were made to force the Reed motion to passage.

An important development today in the ship purchase situation was the action of the Senate Rules Committee in turning down plans for the adoption of a full day of debate.

The Rules Committee voted to report unfavorably both the Williams closure plan and the Reed resolution. Only Senators Kern, Dyer, and Riddell, of these closure plans. Senators Overman, O'Gorman and Hoke Smith, of the Democrats, and all the Republicans opposed them.

## Guard Doubled On Grand Trunk Line

**Plot Reported to Dynamite Prop-  
erty of Canadian Road**

PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 12.—An official warning issued by the Grand Trunk railway in Montreal has caused the officials in this city to double the guard already placed on the Grand Trunk property in Maine.

The first to receive the notification that a plot to dynamite the property was in progress was John D. Riddell, Portland agent of the Grand Trunk. He immediately called upon the police and path and other men were assigned to guard the yards, bridges, and stations. It is reported that further advice received today caused the guard to be doubled all along the line.

## Lincoln's Birthday Made "Unemployment Day"

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Lincoln's Birthday was "unemployment day" in many cities of the United States today. Under the auspices of the Socialist party, mass meetings were held all over the country.

The national executive committee called upon each of these demonstrations to voice a protest against charity. Socialists were to look elsewhere than the Public Health Service, according to an official announcement from that service today.

Five mass meetings and a parade were held in New York. Meyer London, Congressman-elect, was one of the speakers.

## Government Wants No Keepers for Lepers

Persons seeking employment as guards, nurses or keepers in leper colonies will have to look elsewhere than the Public Health Service, according to an official announcement from that service today.

No leper colonies are maintained by the United States Government, the announcement states. Institutions of this character, have, it is explained, been established under the control of various States, territorial, or insular authorities, in California, Louisiana, Florida, Hawaii, the Philippines, and Porto Rico.

## Congressman Kiess' Automobile Burned

An automobile belonging to Congressman E. R. Kiess of Pennsylvania was destroyed by fire in Philadelphia today. The cause of the fire could not be ascertained.

Jerry Mills, chief coast points Superior roadways, 1406 New York ave. n. w. Adv.

## BREITUNG SUIT IS DECLARED MISTRIAL; PRESS RESPONSIBLE

**"Extreme Abuse of New York  
Papers in Reporting Case"**

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The trial of Max Kleist's \$250,000 suit against Edward N. Breitung, the millionaire, and Mrs. Breitung, his parents-in-law, for alienation of his wife's affections, came to an abrupt end today when Judge Hand declared a mistrial and discharged the jury, giving as his reason "the extreme abuse of the press of New York in reporting this case."

## KLEIST TOLD OF "ATTACK"

**Millionaire Defendant Indignant.  
Says He Agrees Entirely  
With Judge.**

Despite the efforts of Congressman Sisson of Mississippi to strike from the sundry civil appropriation bill the appropriations of \$10,000 each for the Providence and Garfield Hospitals, to take care of the indigent sick of the District, the items remain in the annual budget today. The House voted down Mr. Sisson's motions to strike the items. After Mr. Sisson had charged that sectarianism enters into the management of the Providence Hospital.

## Publication Prejudicial.

"Publication of this interview was exceedingly prejudicial to the defense," said Judge Hand. "The obvious inference was that the defense was connected with this assault. That the would-be New York should print this story during the progress of the trial is a fine illustration of the impropriety of obtaining justice in this country."

## Would Hit Papers.

Judge Hand considered the newspaper article for a few minutes and then declared a mistrial, expressing the wish that he could assess the costs against New York newspapers that had printed the story. He declared that the case be set at the foot of the calendar for retrial.

## FAT MAN FAILS IN EFFORT TO END LIFE

**George C. Mountcastle, Bright-  
wood Hotel Proprietor, Ill,  
Fires Bullet Into Breast.**

George C. Mountcastle, sixty-eight years old, proprietor of the Brightwood Hotel, at Brightwood, D. C., tried to end his life shortly before noon today, when he shot three bullets from a .35-caliber revolver into his left breast. The missiles merely caused bruising and the wound he said, "I feel fine."

## ESCAPE, HALF CLAD, FROM BURNING HOME

**West Riverdale Couple Lose  
House Valued at \$4,500  
and Contents Worth \$7,000**

Awakened by the smell of smoke, Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Martin, of West Riverdale, had just time to escape, half-clad, from their burning home at 4:30 o'clock this morning.

## Election Inquiry Halted in Senate

**Proposed Probe Aimed at Penrose  
and Sullivan, Blocked in  
Committee.**

The proposed Senate investigation into the campaign expenditures in Illinois and Pennsylvania, as well as other States where corruption is charged, was today blocked in the Senate by the Finance Committee.

## Shoe Men Ask \$250,000.

MONTREAL, Quebec, Feb. 12.—Allegations that the American shoe companies have been receiving a large sum of money from the Canadian shoe companies, limited, today asked Clarence J. McCune for \$250,000 damages.

## Lincoln's Address Read in House

**Congressman Goulden Declares  
Words at Gettysburg Were  
Not Understood at Time.**

Observing Abraham Lincoln's birthday anniversary, Congressman Goulden of New York, the only House member who heard Lincoln's Gettysburg address, today told the House how it was received without demonstration. Goulden said Lincoln's voice trembled as he began, and at the close there was no applause, its import being only faintly grasped by the audience.

## SISSON LOSES FIGHT AGAINST HOSPITALS

**Appropriations for Providence  
and Garfield Remain in Dis-  
trict Budget.**

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## SCHOOL SEEKING INFORMATION.

Chairman Hickey today announced that he had been communicated with by authorities of Mrs. Somers' School to explain the proposed Jitney service for schools and colleges. Mr. Hickey replied that he would transport any number of the students of the school to the school at any part of the District for a fare of 5 cents. The same arrangements will be made for the second of the Jitney service.

## EXPLAINS DRAFTING HUTCHINS' LAST WILL

**Attorney Worthington Continues  
on Stand Under Direct Ex-  
amination.**

Attorney A. S. Worthington continued today, under direct examination before Justice Anderson, in Criminal Court No. 2, to relate the circumstances under which he drafted the last will of Stilson Hutchins in October, 1910, which is being contested.

## WANTS POLITICAL ARTICLES SIGNED

**Congressman Ben Johnson Offers  
Bill Compelling Newspapers  
to Give Author's Name.**

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## THEATER PARTIES IN JITNEYS IS LATEST ASSOCIATION PLAN

**Cars Will Be Stationed at Cen-  
tral Garage, To Be Called on  
Short Notice.**

Washington's Jitneys to the riding public without automobiles are to be what the limousine is to the well-to-do, if the efforts of Chairman Andrew I. Hickey and his associates in the company are successful.

## Plan Is to Take Members of Schools to All Parts of the District for Five Cents.

Jitneys at the beck and call of every resident of Washington is the hope of the Jitney Bus Association of Washington, according to the program planned today for the future of this form of transportation.

## HOLLIS TO REPORT SOCIAL CENTER BILL

**Finds District Committee Fav-  
orable to House Plan for  
School Buildings.**

Senator Hollis of New Hampshire has been authorized by the District Committee of the Senate to make a favorable report on the House bill providing for the use of school buildings for social centers.

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## HIS DEFT STARTS NEW DIPLOMATIC TANGLE



—Photo by American Press Association.  
HENRY VAN DYKE,  
United States minister to the Netherlands and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

## U. S. ASKS BERLIN FOR EXPLANATION IN VAN DYKE CASE

**Fresh Note Protests Germany's Action in  
Interfering With American Minister's  
Performance of His Duties As  
Envoy to Luxembourg**

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**State Department Has No Official Knowl-  
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ican Vessel By Russians—British  
Answer to First Protest**

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Coming on the heels of the vigorous note sent yesterday to the Berlin government regarding the German war zone decree, today's communication served to increase the tension of the international situation.

Secretary of State Bryan admitted having received word from Minister Van Dyke concerning the alleged interference with his duties, and the minister's vain efforts to obtain an explanation or apology. He added that he had this morning directed a note to United States Ambassador Gerard to be transmitted to the German foreign office.

According to the complaint made by Minister Van Dyke, the German military commander at Treves had refused to permit his letters to pass because they were closed with the seal of the American legation. Under all precepts of international law, the official correspondence of a neutral diplomat in belligerent territory is supposed to be regarded as inviolable.

## SINKING OF U. S. SHIP NOT CONFIRMED.

Secretary Bryan claimed to have no official knowledge of the report that the Russians, on February 8, sank the steamer Washington, sailing the American flag. It is understood, however, that the confirmation of this report, which states that an American vessel was sunk in a naval engagement between the Russians and Turks off Trebizond, has been cabled to the State Department by the Russian government.

While it is not known whether the steamer was actually an American vessel, and while it is understood that she was manned by Greek officers and crew, here regard both communications as flat demands on Germany and England to reverse the policies adopted by them in their efforts to ignore the rights of neutral nations.

## Little Short of Ultimatum.

The note to Germany, warning that country that she must answer to the United States for its action on other, the United States has taken the attitude that both governments will be accountable to Washington for any further steps taken to American interests.

It is plainly stated in the note to Great Britain that should an American vessel and crew be reported as destroyed by reason of the continued use by British vessels of the American flag, Great Britain will share a new measure of the blame.

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